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TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR 1857.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1857.

W. I. WHITEMAN,	-	-	-	-	-	PRESIDENT
THOS. H. FOULDS,	-	-	-	-	-	VICE PRESIDENT.
E. TAYLOR, JR.,	-	-	-	-	-	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
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C. W. ROWLAND,	-	-	-	-	-	TREASURER.
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O. N. BUSH,	-	-	-	-	-	
H. G. KENNETT,	-	-	-	-	-	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1858.

S. M. MURPHY,	-	-	-	-	-	PRESIDENT.
S. J. HALE,	-	-	-	-	-	VICE PRESIDENT.
T. J. BIGGS, JR.,	-	-	-	-	-	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
M. T. WILLIAMSON,	-	-	-	-	-	RECORDING SECRETARY.
J. M. GLENN,	-	-	-	-	-	TREASURER.
W. C. MIDDLETON,	-	-	-	-	-	} DIRECTORS.
J. H. AYDELOTTE,	-	-	-	-	-	
S. C. NEWTON,	-	-	-	-	-	
H. C. URNER,	-	-	-	-	-	
W. E. CRANE,	-	-	-	-	-	

ANNUAL MEETING.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE HALL, {
JANUARY 5, 1858. }

President in the Chair.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Chair stated that the meeting was called in conformity with the Seventh Article of the Constitution, for the Election of Officers to serve during the ensuing year, the reception of Annual Reports, and such other business as might come before the Association.

The Nominating Committee, appointed at the last meeting, made the following report, through their chairman :

S. M. MURPHY,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>President.</i>
W. H. WOODS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
H. M. JOHNSTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
O. N. BUSH,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
J. M. GLENN,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
S. C. NEWTON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	} <i>Directors.</i>
H. C. URNER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
W. E. CRANE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
W. U. SWEETZER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B. F. TURNER,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Independent Nominations were then called for, when Mr. Theo. Cook, proposed the following ticket :

C. W. ROWLAND,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>President:</i>
S. J. HALE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Vice President.</i>
THOS. J. BIGGS, JR.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
M. T. WILLIAMSON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
J. J. M'DOWELL,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Treasurer.</i>
W. C. MIDDLETON,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	} <i>Directors.</i>
GEO. SHILLITO, JR.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
J. H. AYDELOTTE,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
D. ANDREWS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
E. L. THOMAS,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

The Chair then appointed Tellers, viz :

<i>At the President's Box,</i>	-	-	-	J. W. VINTON, G. T. STEDMAN.
" " <i>Vice</i> " "	-	-	-	J. C. FOULDS, J. A. GANO.
" " <i>Cor. Secy's</i> " "	-	-	-	W. S. GREENE, GEO. S. DODD.
" " <i>Rec. Secy's</i> " "	-	-	-	T. HUBBARD, C. R. FOSDICK.
" " <i>Treasurer's</i> " "	-	-	-	S. D. SCHOOLEY, C. M. RAY.
" " <i>Directors'</i> " "	-	-	-	JAS. S. CLENEAY, W. H. BAIRD.

The polls were then declared open, and remained so until eight o'clock, P. M. When the Tellers retired to count the votes, Mr. W. I. Whitman, President of the retiring Board, presented their Annual Report. Mr. C. W. Rowland, Treasurer, also presented his Report.

On motion, both were accepted.

Mr. Jas. Lupton, offered the following:

Resolved, "That the thanks of the Association are due the retiring Board, for their exertions during the past year."—Carried.

By Mr. C. W. Thomas.

Resolved, "That the Annual Reports be published, the number of copies to be left at the discretion of the Board."—Carried.

Reports from the Tellers were then received, viz:

<i>For President</i>	S. M. MURPHY, received.....	722	votes.
" "	C. W. ROWLAND, "	702	"
" "	Scattering	11	"
		713	

S. M. MURPHY's Majority..... 9 "

<i>For Vice President</i>	W. H. WOODS, received.....	653	votes.
" " "	S. J. HALE, "	761	"
" " "	Scattering	11	"
		664	

S. J. HALE's Majority..... 97 "

<i>For Corresponding Secretary</i>	H. M. JOHNSTON, received.....	678	votes.
" " "	THOS. J. BIGGS, JR., "	730	"
" " "	Scattering	21	"
		699	

T. J. BIGGS' JR., Majority..... 31 "

<i>For Recording Secretary</i>	O. N. BUSH, received.....	700	votes.
" " "	M. T. WILLIAMSON, "	708	"
" " "	Scattering	16	"

NO ELECTION.

<i>For Treasurer</i>	J. M. GLENN, received.....	752	votes.
" " "	J. J. M'DOWELL, "	670	"
" " "	Scattering	5	"
		675	

J. M. GLENN's Majority..... 77 "

<i>For Directors</i>	W. C. MIDDLETON, received.....	753	votes.
" " "	J. H. AYDELOTTE, "	750	"
" " "	S. C. NEWTON, "	739	"
" " "	H. C. URNA, "	725	"
" " "	W. E. CRANE, "	718	"
" " "	GEO. SHILLITO, JR., "	661	"
" " "	E. L. THOMAS, "	618	"
" " "	D. ANDREWS, "	690	"
" " "	W. U. SWEETZER, "	647	"
" " "	B. F. TURNER, "	714	"

Mr. Spooner moved,

"That, inasmuch as Mr. M. T. Williamson had received a plurality of votes cast for Recording Secretary, he be declared elected."

The Chair stated, that the Constitution demanded a majority of all votes cast, to determine an election, and the motion was, therefore, out of order.

Mr. Jno. A. Gano, then moved,

"That the meeting proceed to ballot again for Recording Secretary."—Lost.

Mr. J. W. Dudley, then stated that he had been informed there were ballots in the Recording Secretary's box, headed for Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, and other officers, which had been counted as scattering, and asked of the Tellers if such was the fact; on being informed that it was, he moved,

"That the Tellers at the Recording Secretary's box be instructed to throw out all ballots, *not for that office*, found in the box."—Carried.

The President then instructed the Tellers accordingly, but they refused to make any report, other than that already presented.

The President stated, that the resolution just passed, left him but one course to pursue—inasmuch as the Tellers refused to obey the instructions of the Association, he must decide to rule out all scattering votes for that office—which was accordingly done, and Mr. M. T. Williamson, declared elected. The successful ticket stood as follows:

S. M. MURPHY,—Regular,	- - - - -	<i>President.</i>
S. J. HALE,—Independent,		<i>Vice President.</i>
THOMAS J. BIGGS, JR.,—Independent,	-	<i>Corresponding Secretary.</i>
M. T. WILLIAMSON,—Independent,	-	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
J. M. GLENN,—Regular,	- - - - -	<i>Treasurer.</i>
S. C. NEWTON,—Regular,	- - - - -	} <i>Directors.</i>
H. C. URNER,—Regular,	- - - - -	
W. E. CRANE,—Regular,	- - - - -	
W. C. MIDDLETON,—Independent,	- - - - -	
J. H. AYDELOTTE,—Independent,	- - - - -	

Mr. Chas. R. Fosdick, gave notice that the election of Recording Secretary would be contested, when the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS J. BIGGS, JR., *Rec. Sec'y.*

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS :

AT the termination of another year, the Board of Directors submit the annexed Report of the progress and condition of the Association. In the performance of this duty they are happy to be able to state that the usefulness of the institution and the steady advance, in members and importance, which have characterized it, under the direction of our predecessors, have not been diminished during the past year. Although the calamities which have befallen the commercial community, have reduced the ability of many among us to contribute as liberally as they would desire, to liberal and benevolent institutions, it will be seen from the exhibits accompanying this Report, that our income and membership have been satisfactorily maintained.

At the organization of the Board, the following resolution was passed, viz :

Resolved, "That, in the opinion of this Board, the past services of Mr. R. H. Stephenson, the present Librarian, entitle him to their esteem and confidence, and that they unanimously request him to remain with them during the succeeding year, at the same yearly compensation he is now receiving."

Geo. A. Morris, Thos. C. Morris, and Chas. A. Harrison were re-elected assistants. The Board bear cheerful testimony to the efficient manner in which their respective duties have been discharged. In July, Mr. Thos. C. Morris resigned his position, since which time it has not been supplied.

An expenditure of six hundred dollars, for painting and renovating our rooms, has diminished our resources for the increase of the Library, and other ordinary expenses; notwithstanding which, we have been able to make additions both to our book-shelves and reading-room.

Our Library continues to prosper and to enjoy the favor of our members, and we hope is doing much good, by furnishing an innocent and instructive form of recreation, to the very numerous body of young men engaged in business, who compose the majority of our Association. The circulation for the year has been 38,000, which shows a fair increase upon that of former years, and affords pleasing evidence that the effort to create and supply a taste for reading has not been in vain. We respectfully suggest, that, in combination with the endeavor to enlarge our catalogue, there should be an increasing attention to the character of the volumes placed upon our shelves. While we stimulate the desire for reading, by a large and continually-renewed supply of books, we should endeavor to direct and elevate the taste of our readers, by placing on our shelves, works of an instructive character, and of a correct moral tendency.

The greatest demand, as remarked in former Reports, has been for popular and newly-published books, and our Boards have been compelled, in a measure, to purchase largely of works having a present interest, but of little or no permanent value. The objection to this course is, not only that we furnish to our members too large a proportion of light and useless reading, but that such books add nothing to the permanent value of our library, which ought to accumulate from year to year a valuable collection of Standard Literature. An important purpose of any public library is to form a collection of approved works in the various branches of literature and science. This cannot be effected by a circulating library in which the books are necessarily of an ephemeral character, and are soon worn out by passing from hand to hand. We would not dispense with this popular and essential feature of our institution, but would recommend the engrafting upon it of a department to serve as a nucleus for the gradual accumulation of such a library as shall be an honor to our City. We have already a few valuable works which are held as books of reference, and are not loaned out, or permitted to be taken from our Rooms; and, we suggest that a certain per centage of our income be regularly appropriated to the purchase of Standard Works—not to be loaned out—but for reference, under such regulations as may secure their preservation. It is believed to be entirely within our means to preserve in this way, for the use of our members and the public, a copy of every valua-

ble American publication, besides such Foreign works as may be desirable.

Our thanks are due to an active member for the beautiful Statue of Sabrina, which has been assigned a prominent place in our Library-Room : also, to C. W. Rowland, Esq., for a Bust of Hon. J. C. Breckenridge. The number of books added during the year are, viz :

By purchase, - - - - -	642 vols.
“ binding, - - - - -	144 “
“ donation, - - - - -	178 “
	——964 vols.

Of the above donations, Mr. J. D. Howland, of Indianapolis, deserves especial notice for his donation of 47 volumes of rare and valuable Medical and Miscellaneous books : also, Hon. T. C. Day, and Hon. J. Scott Harrison, for generous supplies of Congressional publications : Mr. C. S. Williams, for the donation of many Directories : and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for a set of Congressional publications. We are also indebted to the following persons for donations of valuable books and pamphlets :

C. S. Williams, Esq.
 W. H. Dadman, Esq.
 J. J. Allen, Esq.
 Smithsonian Institution.
 Dr. M. Lillienthal.
 Rev. W. G. W. Lewis.
 Dr. C. H. Cleveland.
 Hon. T. C. Day.
 Dr. E. B. Stevens.
 J. Lloyd & Co., Philadelphia.
 E. Hooper, Esq.
 New York State Library.
 Wm. Withington, Esq.

A. T. S. Barnitz, Esq.
 Hon. Geo. E. Pugh.
 C. Clark & Co.
 Merc. Library of San Francisco.
 Jno. M. Jones, Esq.
 J. A. Pitman, Esq.
 Hon. J. Scott Harrison.
 Judge Jas. Hall.
 A. B. Merriam, Esq.
 Major Lachlan.
 Com'r of Patents.
 Richard A. Butler, Esq.
 W. A. Collard, Esq.

Rev. E. Jones.	E. C. & J. Biddle, Philadelphia.
Public Library, New Bedford.	E. Conkling, Esq.
F. W. Emmons, Esq.	Clerk House of Representatives.
Merc. Library of New York.	David Bigelow.
J. D. Howland, Esq., Indianapolis.	H. N. Hatch, Esq.
Ohio School Library.	Prof. A. D. Bache.
O. W. Nibbie, Esq.	Hon. Jas. A. Peirce.
Boston Board of Trade.	Jno. Bartlett, Esq.
Longley Brothers.	Y. M. Association of Buffalo.
Peabody Institute, Danvers.	E. P. Cranch, Esq.
Chas. Junghans, Esq.	Merc. Library of St. Louis.
M. E. Reeves, Esq.	Hon. R. C. Winthrop.
Pittsburgh Dispatch.	Y. T. Barkley.

Of the Books added during the year we give below a few of the more important:

Biographie Universelle,-----	7v., 8°, Bruxelles, 1843-47.
Benton's Debates,-----	vol. 4, 8°, New York, 1857.
Montfaucon's Antiquities,-----	6v., Fol., London, 1721-25.
Winckelmann's History of Ancient Art,-----	2v., 8°, Boston, 1856.
Encyclopædia Metropolitana,-----	30v., 4°, London, 1849.
Cobbett's Political Works,-----	6v., 8°, London.
Wigand's Conversations—Lexicon,-----	15v., 8°, Leipzig, 1846-52.
Loudon's Arboretum et Fruticetum Britannicum,-----	8v., 8°, London, 1844.
“ Encyclopædia of Gardening,-----	8°, London, 1850.
“ “ Agriculture,-----	8°, New York, 1857.
“ “ Architecture,-----	8°, London, 1853.
“ “ Plants,-----	8°, London, 1855.
Burk's History of Virginia,-----	4v., 8°, Petersburg, 1804-16.
Stith's History of Virginia,-----	8°, 1753.
Jefferson's Notes,-----	8°, London, 1787.
Smith's History of New Jersey,-----	8°, Burlington, 1765.
Haywood's History of Tennessee,-----	8°, Knoxville, 1823.
Smith's History of New York,-----	4°, London, 1757.
Bouquet's Expedition against the Ohio Indians,-----	4°, Philadelphia, 1766.
Bibliographical Dictionary,-----	8v., 8°, Liverpool, 1802-6.
Encyclopædia Edinensis,-----	6v., 4°, Edinburgh, 1827.
Crabb's Technological Dictionary,-----	2v., 4°, London, 1833.
Repertory of Arts and Manufactures,-----	12v., 8°, London, 1794-1800.
Register of Arts and Journal of Patent Inventions, 7v., 8°, London, 1828-32.	
Italy—Classical, Historical, etc.,-----	4°, London, 1856.
Spruner's Atlas Antiquus,-----	Fol. Gothæ, 1855.
“ Hist. Geog. Atlas Von Europe,-----	“ “ “
“ “ “ Ausser Europe -----	“ “ “
Imperial Dictionary,-----	3v., 8°, London, 1854-55.

READING ROOM.

THE attendance at the Reading Room has been larger during the present than any previous year. It has always been the policy of the Institution to render the Reading Room useful to men of business, and an attractive place of resort to our younger members, by supplying it bountifully with the best periodical publications of the day—whether literary or commercial—including all the leading newspapers of the principal cities and towns of our country, the reviews and magazines, as well as a copious selection of foreign publications of a similar character. The present Board, in endeavoring to carry out this liberal policy, have added considerably to the number of periodicals and newspapers, placed on our tables, as will be seen by the following list:

NEWSPAPERS.

ALABAMA.		CHINA.	
Advertiser,.....	Mobile. W.	Mail,.....	W.
ARKANSAS.		CONNECTICUT.	
State Gazette,.....	Little Rock. W.	Courant,.....	Hartford. W.
AUSTRALIA.		Palladium,.....	New Haven. W.
Argus,.....	Melbourne. W.	DELAWARE.	
BELGIUM.		Gazette,.....	Wilmington. W.
L'Independence Belge,...	Brussels. D.	ENGLAND.	
CALIFORNIA.		Athenæum, ...	London. W.
Alta California,...	San Francisco. S.M.	Bell's Life,.....	London. W.
*Gleaner,.....	San Francisco. W.	Chronicle,.....	London. W.
Herald,.....	San Francisco. S.M.	Critic,.....	London. W.
*News,.....	Marysville. W.	Dispatch,.....	London. W.
CANADA.		Economist,.....	London. W.
Chronicle,.....	Quebec. W.	European Times,....	Liverpool. W.
Herald,.....	Montreal. W.	Examiner,.....	London. W.
*Times,.....	Hamilton. D.	Gardner's Chronicle,...	London. W.

ENGLAND.

Illustrated News,-----London. W.
 Illustrated Times,-----London. W.
 Leader,-----London. W.
 Literary Gazette,-----London. W.
 Mark Lane Express,-----London. W.
 Mining Journal,-----London. W.
 Musical World,-----London. W.
 Publishers' Circular,-----London. S. M.
 Punch,-----London. W.
 Spectator,-----London. W.
 Times,-----London. D.
 Working Woman's Journal, London. W.

FRANCE.

Galignani's Messenger,-----Paris. D.
 Journal des Debats,-----Paris. D.
 La Presse,-----Paris. D.
 Le Charivari,-----Paris. D.
 L'Illustration,-----Paris. W.

FLORIDA.

Floridian,-----Tallahassee. W.

GEORGIA.

Georgian,-----Savannah. W.

GERMANY.

Allgemeine Zeitung,-----Augsburgh. D.
 Illustrierte Zeitung,-----Leipzig. W.
 Kladderatsch,-----Berlin. W.
 Weter Zeitung,-----Bremen. D.

ILLINOIS.

*Commercial Express,-----Chicago. W.
 Press,-----Chicago. D.
 *State Journal,-----Springfield. D.
 Times,-----Chicago. D.
 Tribune,-----Chicago. D.

INDIANA.

Courier,-----Madison. D.
 *Enquirer,-----Evansville. D.
 Journal,-----Indianapolis. D.
 *Journal,-----Lafayette. D.

IOWA.

*Express,-----Dubuque. D.
 Hawk Eye,-----Burlington. W.
 *News,-----Davenport. W.

IRELAND.

Evening Post,-----Dublin. T. W.
 Nation,-----Dublin. W.

KANSAS.

*Chindowan,-----Quindaro. W.
 Herald of Freedom,-----Lawrence. W.

KANSAS.

Herald,-----Leavenworth. W.
 Times,-----Leavenworth. W.

KENTUCKY.

Commonwealth,-----Frankfort. W.
 *Courier,-----Louisville. D.
 Eagle,-----Maysville. T. W.
 Journal,-----Louisville. D.
 *News,-----Cynthiana. W.

LIBERIA.

Herald,-----W.

LOUISIANA.

Bulletin,-----New Orleans. D.
 Delta,-----New Orleans. D.
 Picayune,-----New Orleans. D.
 Price Current,-----New Orleans. W.

MAINE.

Advertiser,-----Portland. W.
 Age,-----Augusta. W.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Advertiser,-----Boston. D.
 *Investigator,-----Boston. W.
 Journal,-----Boston. D.
 Journal of Music,-----Boston. W.
 Mercury,-----New Bedford. W.
 Post,-----Boston. D.
 Price Current,-----Boston. W.
 Republican,-----Springfield. D.
 Transcript,-----Boston. D.
 Traveler,-----Boston. D.

MICHIGAN.

Advertiser,-----Detroit. D.
 Free Press,-----Detroit. D.

MINNESOTA.

Minnesotian,-----St. Paul. W.
 Pioneer & Democrat,-----St. Paul. W.

MISSISSIPPI.

Mississippian,-----Jackson. W.
 Whig,-----Vicksburgh. D.

MISSOURI.

Democrat,-----St. Louis. D.
 Intelligencer,-----St. Louis. D.
 Price Current,-----St. Louis. W.
 Republican,-----St. Louis. D.

NEBRASKA.

Nebraskian,-----Omaha. W.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Patriot,-----Concord. W.

NEW JERSEY.

Sentinel of Freedom, --- Newark. W.

NEW YORK.

Abend Zeitung, --- New York. D.

Advertiser, --- Buffalo. D.

Albion, --- New York. W.

American, --- Rochester. D.

American Agriculturist, --- N. Y. W.

Amer. Phren. Jour. --- N. York. W.

Amer. Pub. Circular, --- New York. W.

Amer. R. R. Journal, --- New York. W.

*Anti Slavery Standard. N. York. W.

Atlantische Blatter, --- New York. W.

Country Gentleman, --- Albany. W.

Cour. des Etats Unis, --- New York. D.

Cour. & Enquirer, --- New York. D.

Cultivator, --- Albany. M.

Express, --- New York. D.

Freeman's Journal, --- New York. W.

Herald, --- New York. D.

Home Journal, --- New York. W.

Independent, --- New York. W.

*Insurance Monitor, --- New York. M.

Journal, --- Albany. D.

Journal of Commerce, --- New York. D.

La Cronica, --- New York. W.

L'Eco D'Italia, --- New York. W.

Musical World, --- New York. W.

Observer, --- New York. W.

Porter's Spirit of the Times, N. Y. W.

Post, --- New York. D.

Rural New Yorker, --- Rochester. W.

Scientific American, --- New York. W.

Shipping List, --- New York. S. W.

Times, --- New York. D.

Tribune, --- New York. D.

U. S. Economist, --- New York. W.

Water Cure Journal, --- New York. W.

Working Farmer, --- New York. W.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Spirit of the Age, --- Raleigh. W.

OHIO.

*Advertiser, --- Chillicothe. D.

*Amer. Christian Rev. --- Cincinnati. W.

*Amer. Phonetic Jour. --- Cincinnati. W.

*Capital City Fact, --- Columbus. D.

*Catholic Telegraph, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Central Christian Herald, --- Cin. W.

OHIO.

*Christian Leader, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Christian Press, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Commercial, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Com'l Reporter, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Courier, --- Zanesville. W.

*Enquirer, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Enquirer, --- Piqua. W.

*Gazette, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Grant & Co.'s Adv. --- Cincinnati. W.

Herald, --- Cleveland. D.

*Herald, --- Steubenville. W.

*Highland News, --- Hillsborough. W.

*Intelligencer, --- Hamilton. W.

*Journal, --- McArthur. W.

*Journal, --- Dayton. D.

*Logan Co. Gaz., --- Bellefontaine. W.

*Miami Visitor, --- Waynesville. W.

*Nonpareil, --- Springfield. D.

Ohio Farmer, --- Cleveland. W.

Plaindealer, --- Cleveland. D.

*Presb. of the West, --- Cincinnati. W.

Rail Road Record, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Republicaner, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Register, --- Ironton. W.

*Register, --- Piqua. W.

*Scioto Gazette, --- Chillicothe. W.

*Shire's Com. Adv. --- Cincinnati. W.

*Spirit of Times, --- Portsm'th. W.

*Star in the West, --- Cincinnati. W.

Statesman, --- Columbus. D.

State Journal, --- Columbus. D.

*Telegraph, --- Hamilton. W.

*Times, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Torchlight, --- Xenia. W.

*Tribune, --- Springfield. D.

*Tribune, --- Portsmouth. D.

*Tribune, --- Tiffin. W.

*Type of the Times, --- Cincinnati. W.

*Volksblatt, --- Cincinnati. D.

*Volksfreund, --- Cincinnati. D.

*West. Christ. Adv'e, --- Cincinnati. W.

*West. Olive Branch, --- Cincinnati. W.

OREGON.

*Oregonian, --- Portland. W.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Bulletin, --- Philadelphia. W.

Commercial Journal, --- Pittsburgh. D.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Courier,-----Philadelphia. W.
 Dispatch,-----Pittsburgh. D.
 Ledger,-----Philadelphia. D.
 North American,-----Philadelphia. D.
 Pennsylvanian,-----Philadelphia. D.
 Press,-----Philadelphia. D.
 Price Current,-----Philadelphia. W.

RHODE ISLAND.

Journal,-----Providence. D.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

*Advertiser,-----Honolulu. W.
 Polynesian,-----Honolulu. W.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Mail,-----Cape Town. W.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Mercury,-----Charleston. T. W.
 Standard,-----Charleston. W.

SCOTLAND.

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Our Reading Room has also been adorned within the past year, by a fine portrait of Hon. Edward Everett, pre-

presented by A. B. Merriam, Esq., late President of the Association, whose considerate liberality entitles him to our thanks. The Board, in consideration of our own obligations to Mr. Everett, alluded to in another place, and in grateful remembrance of his distinguished national American character, and eminent services, political and literary, have not only assigned a permanent place of honor to his portrait, but have caused engravings to be struck from it to accompany this Report and for distribution among the members.

It is to be regretted that there are some persons who visit our rooms, who do not place a proper regard upon the courtesy due to others, or upon the value of the property collected there for the members: and who indulge themselves in the mischievous practice of mutilating the newspapers and magazines by cutting out slips and engravings. We refer to this abuse, heretofore noticed in the reports of our predecessors, in the hope that whether it has been the result of thoughtlessness, or of a want of better manners, the attention of the members will be directed to it, and their combined influence used to condemn and suppress it.

LECTURES.

The Lecture Room has always been regarded with favor by our members, and great exertion have been made by successive Boards of Directors to render it attractive.

The present Board have spared no pains to procure lectures from gentlemen of high literary standing, and have not been unsuccessful in their endeavors. The attendance has however been generally small throughout the season, and the interest shown by our members and the public far less than usual—partly, perhaps, in consequence of the hardness of the times, but chiefly attributable to the number of lectures before other societies, and by individuals on their own account, by which the taste for such recreations has been surfeited. There is also an influence of fashion which renders all public exhibitions more or less popular for the season, and which may have operated unfavorably against our lectures. It will be for our successors to decide what measures may be best adapted to revive the interest in this instructive form of recreation, whether by diminishing the frequency of the lectures or by such modifications as may introduce some novelty of attraction.

The brilliant attendance and striking effect produced by the noble oration of the Hon. Edward Everett furnished an exception from the usually dull routine of the season. We are indebted for the appearance among us of that eminent orator and scholar, to the persevering efforts of our late President, A. B. Merriam, Esq., who commenced and carried on the correspondence which resulted in procuring for us the delightful enjoyment of listening to that elegant and instructive composition. Mr. Everett declined receiving the usual compensation, but requested permission to repeat the oration, under our auspices, for the benefit of the "Mount Vernon Association," which was most cheer-

fully and gratefully accorded to him: and the entire receipts yielded by the second delivery, amounting to \$810 $\frac{85}{100}$, were paid over to him to be applied to that patriotic purpose. Smith & Nixon's spacious Hall was on both occasions filled to excess by an intelligent and admiring audience, who will long retain the impression of the graceful oratory and noble sentiments of Mr. Everett.

The following is a list of the Lectures for the year, viz :

- J. S. C. ABBOTT,-----Jan. 13.—“The early settlers of New England.”
 REV. W. M. DAILY,---Jan. 20.—“Our Mother Tongue.”
 REV. F. VINTON,-----Jan. 23.—“The Gentlewoman.”
 R. W. EMERSON,-----Jan. 27.—“The Conduct of Life.”
 GEO. P. MARSH,-----Feb. 3.—“Study of Nature in its relation to Art.”
 THOS. F. MARSHALL,--Feb. 10.—“Power of Congress over the Territories.”
 THOS. F. MARSHALL,--Feb. 17.—“The study of general history.”
- THOS. H. BENTON,---April 18.—“The state of the Union.”
- EDWARD EVERETT,---May 7.—“Washington.”
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- GEO. S. BOUTWELL,---Nov. 17.—“Civilization of Puritanism.”
 BRANTZ MAYER,-----Nov. 24.—“Woman in the 19th Century.”
 B. P. SHILLABAR,----Dec. 1.—“Life's bright side.”—A Poem.
 GEO. VANDENHOFF,---Dec. 8.—“Common sense.”—A Poem.
 GEO. VANDENHOFF,---Dec. 19.—“Readings.”

CLASSES.

The Classes which were established for the purpose of imparting instruction in the Languages to such of our members as might desire it, have proved unsuccessful.—The attendance during the first quarter of the year was meagre, and for some months past has ceased entirely.—The Board recommends that the classes be discontinued.

MEMBERSHIP.

The loss of members by resignation and death is greater than in any previous year. The number of those who have left the city is also greater, yet we have abundant cause for congratulation, that in a year like the one just closed, we have lost but few as compared with the number last year.

The number of persons holding membership January 1st, 1857, was----3,113

Since added :

Active, ...	387
Honorary, ...	107
Life, ...	13
Hon. Ex-officio, ...	15
Total, ...	522

Accounts closed, viz :

Left City, ...	327
Resigned, ...	210
Dead, ...	24
Total, ...	561
Loss, ...	39

Leaving present number of members,..... 3,074

INSURANCES.

The Board have added \$5,000 to the amount of Insurance reported last year. The insurances at present are as follows :

\$5000 Ætna Insurance Company, ...	Cincinnati Branch.
\$5000 Washington Insurance Company, ...	of Cincinnati.
\$5000 Firemen's Insurance Company, ...	of Cincinnati.
\$5000 Fireman's Insurance Company, ...	of Charleston, S. C.
\$5000 Cincinnati Insurance Company, ...	of Cincinnati.
\$5000 Liverpool and London Insurance Company,	

FINANCES.

The Treasurer's Report which has been read this evening shows the receipts and expenditures, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance from former Treasurer,.....	\$433 27	
Total receipts for the year.....	11,854 02	—12,287 29

EXPENDITURES.

Amount of bills paid of Board of 1856.....	\$1,364 45	
Current expenses of the year,.....	10,730 58	—\$12,095 03
Leaving a balance of.....		\$192 26

In closing up the labors of the year, and handing over our trust to our successors, the Board take pleasure in congratulating their fellow-members on the continued prosperity of the Association, which from a small beginning has grown up by regular progress to be regarded as one of the first institutions of our city.

We hope it will continue to enjoy the favour of our citizens, and especially of the mercantile community, and that it will exert for many years a beneficial influence in the promotion of intelligence and good morals, and in the cultivation among us of an honorable and high-toned mercantile character.

All of which is respectfully submitted. By order and in behalf of the Board.

W. I. WHITEMAN.

President.

THOS. J. BIGGS, JR.,

Recording Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1857.

YOUNG MEN'S MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES W. ROWLAND, TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Balance from former Treasurer,	\$433 27	Paid Lecture Expenses,	\$3,266 65
Member's Dues, Initiation Fees, and Life Memberships,	8,095 00	" Bills Cincinnati Gas Company	631 38
Fines and Sales of old Newspapers,	126 02	" Subscription for Newspapers and Magazines,	1,160 34
Lecture Receipts for the year,	3,633 00	" Binding Books, Periodicals, etc.	770 72
		" Purchase of Books,	1,179 91
		" Printing, Advertising, etc.	546 08
		" Salaries in full,	2,545 00
		" Incidental Expenses, per vouchers,	450 40
		" Insurance of Building, Books, etc.	330 00
		" Building Ac't., Repairing Rooms, etc.	658 45
		" Class Expenditures,	220 00
		" Postage Account,	136 10
		" Rent to Chamber of Commerce,	200 00
		Balance in Treasury,	192 26
Total Receipts,	\$12,287 29	Total,	\$12,287 29

Balance in Treasury. January 5th, 1858. \$192 26

CINCINNATI. January 5. 1858.

CHAS. W. ROWLAND, Treasurer

INDEBTEDNESS

Incurred for Purchase of Books,	\$344 59
" " Printing, Advertising, etc.,	276 15
" " Rent to Chamber of Commerce,	100 00
" " Subscriptions to Newspapers and Magazines,	278 00
	\$998 74

RESOURCES.

Uncollected Bills, Members' Dues and Fees to date,	\$1,072 00
Balance Cash on hand,	192 26
Total Resources,	
	\$1,264 26
Balance in favor of the Association,	
	\$265 52

The amount of Old Bills of the Board of 1856, paid by the present Board, is \$1,364 45.

With the above balance in favor of the Association, the Treasury is *not unembarrassed*. The hope entertained during the year that all Bills due January 1st, would now be paid, has not been realized; the scarcity of money has prevented the prompt collection of dues, and has very seriously hindered the acquisition of new members. This explanation is deemed due to the Association as to the succeeding Treasurer.

CHAS. W. ROWLAND, *Treasurer*

